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SUBJ: BRIGADIER GENERAL EK PROEUNG'S VISIT TO US

1. BRIGADIER GENERAL EK PROEUNG, AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT LON NOL, WILL VISIT THE U.S. EARLY IN NOVEMBER, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT EK PROEUNG HOLDS TITLES OF DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE, AND PRESIDENT OF THE POLITICAL WARFARE COUNCIL. HIS IMPORTANCE HOWEVER IS DUE LESS TO THE AFOREMENTIONED ROLES (WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE A GREAT DEAL OF SUBSTANCE) THAN TO THE FACT THAT HE IS ONE OF LON NOL'S PRINCIPAL ADVISORS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE ACCOMPANYING HIS VISA APPLICATION, THE VISIT WILL BE FOR PURPOSES OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS DURING THE COURSE OF THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER. THE AIDE WHO PICKED UP THE PASSPORTS SAID THAT THE GENERAL WOULD STOP IN JAKARTA AND SINGAPORE EN
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3. WE DO NOT KNOW THE PURPOSE OF EK PROEUNG'S VISIT TO THE U.S. BUT SUSPECT IT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH

LON NON. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO FUND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS
TRIP AND WILL REPORT FURTHER.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT THIS CABLE BE REPEATED TO PARIS,
JUST IN CASE HE SHOULD RETURN VIA THAT CAPITAL. THERE
WAS NO FRENCH VISA IN HIS PASSPORT WHEN IT WAS PRESENTED
TO US.

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